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SUBJECT: RELATIONS WITH PDRY

REF: (A) SANA 763 (B) JIDDA 1356 (C) SANA 700

1. I NOTE WITH INTEREST THE APPARENT DIFFERENCES IN SAUDI VIEWS ON U.S. RELATIONS WITH THE PDRY AS EXPRESSED BY DEPFONMIN MANSOURI IN HIS DISCUSSION WITH ME FEBRUARY 16 (REF B) AND IN HIS DINNER TIME CHAT WITH AMBASSADOR SCOTES (REF A).

2. I REGRET NOT HAVING HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THIS APPARENT CONTRADICTION WITH AMBASSADOR SCOTES IN RIYADH. I WILL BE REVIEWING THE SITUATION IN THE PDRY WITH MANSOURI AND OTHER SAUDI OFFICIALS BEGINNING TOMORROW. THE SAUDIS ARE REASONABLY FLEXIBLE ON THE SUBJECT BUT THEIR (FOREIGN OFFICE) POSITION SEEMS TO BE THAT RELAYED TO ME BY MANSOURI, I.E., THAT THE TIME IS NOT YET RIPE FOR RESUMPTION OF U.S.-PDRY RELATIONS. I NOTE HE TOLD SCOTES MATTER SHOULD BE STUDIED FURTHER. ON THE OTHER HAND I HAVE ENCOUNTERED IN THE PAST FEW DAYS HIGH LEVEL SAUDI OPINION TO THE EFFECT AHAT WE
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SHOULD INDEED BE THINKING ABOUT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PDRY.

3. WE WILL BE COMMENTING ON REF C (SUBJECT: PDRY AT THE CROSSROADS) BY SEPTTEL.
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